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## **AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 2, 2005, due <u>March 2, 2006</u>, please enter the following amendment and consider the followings remarks.

This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, thus, no extension fee is believed to be due. Please charge any additional fees, including fees for additional extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03 2270.

Attached herewith for consideration is the executed Declaration of Dr. Edward B. Rinker under 37 CFR 132.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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